## APPROVED VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 10, 2022

Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201 Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to

order at 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Amanda Barner, M.D., Chair

Brenda Stokes, M.D. Kathleen Scarbalis, P.A.

**STAFF PRESENT:** 

Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER:

Jeffrey Shannon Harrell, P.A. License No.: 0110-004602

Case No.: 210928

PRELIMINARY MATTER:

The Chair noted that the time was 9:03 a.m. and Mr. Harrell was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Parsons advised that the Notice had been sent to Mr. Harrell's address of record with the Board by overnight and First Class mail. Through his counsel, the Board was notified that Mr. Harrell nor his attorney would appear at the informal conference.

**RULING:** 

Based on the information provided by Mr. Parsons, the Chair determined that proper notice had been provided to Mr. Parsons, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.

**DISCUSSION:** 

Mr. Harrell did not appear before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated January 24, 2022, nor was he represented at the conference by legal counsel.

The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and received information from Mr. Harrell regarding the allegations in the Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** 

Upon a motion by Dr. Stokes, and duly seconded by Ms. Scarbalis, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Harrell. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:** 

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** 

Upon a motion by Dr. Stokes and duly seconded by Ms. Scarbalis, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Mr. Harrell a reprimand.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

A formal hearing will be scheduled for a future date for a final determination.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Mr. Harrell, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Harrell, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Amanda Barner, M.D., Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Date